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DISCUSSION
GUIDE



SERMON PASSAGE: Leviticus Overview



REVIEW THE SERMON

1. Read the prep verse (1 Peter 2:9) and the sermon's Bible passage to recall the content
2. Briefly review the sermon outline:
 - a. Introduction
 - i. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - ii. Context
 1. Lifestyle: Leviticus is written to Jewish people camped in tents around Mt. Sinai
 2. Law: Moses received instruction from God while atop Mt. Sinai
 3. Purpose: Is to inform God's people how they are to live as distinct and holy people amidst the surrounding pagan nations (Leviticus 27:34)
 - b. Laws
 - i. Civil laws: Legislation for the Old Testament society
 1. The church today is not bound by the civil laws that governed Israel
 - ii. Ceremonial laws: Instructions about ceremonies and rituals
 1. Serve as symbols/pictures that point to Christ, that we need Him to make us clean and right before God and not these rituals.
 2. The book of Hebrews will be a great companion book as work through
 - iii. Moral laws: Ten commandments and the like
 1. These moral laws carry over to us
 2. Jesus Christ obeyed the moral law perfectly which made Him a suitable sacrifice to atone for the sins of humanity and upon faith

in Christ, we receive His Holy Spirit which empowers us to obey these laws too

- c. Main teaching in Leviticus
 - i. We have a unique position within this world
 - ii. We have a unique God
 - iii. We have a unique relationship with God

 - d. How Leviticus should transform us
 - i. Leviticus will teach and lead us to be reverent in our approach to God
 - ii. Leviticus will teach and lead us to take a more serious approach to our sin
 - iii. Leviticus will teach and lead us to be more in wonder of God
 - iv. Leviticus will teach and lead us to be devoted wholeheartedly in the pursuit of holiness
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DIGGING DEEPER

Pastor Eric provided an overview of the book of Leviticus. Here are some additional resources to review this week and to keep handy as we progress through the third book of the Torah:

- A pictorial overview of the themes and structure of Leviticus from the Bible Project: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ISaoNVmzj3WHYwxfPhsnL8ea3qu4vK6/view?usp=sharing>
- A broad, easy to read study guide from the Bible Project providing information about the structure, five types of sacrifices, days of the sacred calendar, qualification of priests, and laws of purity and atonement: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17mc30foNJPXoab52IHhXgbkOXwj38FjZ/view?usp=sharing>
- We will be spending much time around and in the tabernacle. Here is a graphic depicting the tabernacle to help you visualize: <https://scripturescript.files.wordpress.com/2014/11/tabernacle.png>
- As we study Leviticus we will be camped around Mt. Sinai. Here is a 13-minute travel video about Mt. Sinai to help you visualize the stunning scenery (and learn some history): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Xos9DOabDQ>
- 10 ways to help you as you read along in Leviticus: <https://davidschrock.com/2010/02/05/how-to-read-leviticus/>

- Pass on the Easter chocolate and acquire some of the resources listed here if you want to dive even deeper: <https://www.logos.com/guides/commentaries/best-commentaries-leviticus>
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PRAYER

1. Pray for God to transform you through the study of Leviticus, that you will be in awe of God's holiness and the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus.
 2. Praise God that we as believers are a royal priesthood. May we gain a deeper appreciation of this role and our responsibility.
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